The Power of Peace

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Mansoor: Baba, today at school, two boys were fighting. They were so angry!

Baba: Oh dear! What were they fighting about?

Mansoor: I think one of them took the other's pencil, and then they started pushing each other. I wanted to stop them, but I didn't know how.

Baba: I'm glad you wanted to help. Do you know what the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said about fighting?

Mansoor: What did he say, Baba?

Baba: He warned us that when two Muslims fight each other with the intention to harm, both of them will be in great danger—even the one who gets hurt.

Mansoor: But why, Baba? If one of them was just defending himself, why would he be wrong too?

Baba: Because both had the intention to fight. In Islam, we should always try to solve problems with patience and kindness, not anger and violence.

Mansoor: Oh… So, if I ever get really angry, what should I do?

Baba: The Prophet ﷺ taught us to stay calm. If you're standing, sit down. If you're sitting, lie down. And if you're still angry, make wudu.

Mansoor: Wudu? Like before Salah?

Baba: Yes! Water cools down the fire of anger, just like it cleanses us before prayer.

Mansoor: That makes sense! Next time I see someone fighting, I'll remind them to stay calm.

Baba: MashaAllah, my son! A true Muslim is someone who spreads peace, not fights.